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SUBJECT: BRIBERY TREATY INITIATIVE

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1. PRESIDENT FIGUEREDO OF FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE PHONED CHARGE AFTERNOON OF JULY 20 WITH REACTION TO CHARGE'S DEMARCHE REPORTED REF B. FIGUEREDO SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GOV DELEGATION IN GENEVA TO REMIND THEM OF PRESIDENT PEREZ' INTEREST IN PURSUING AN EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS AND TO ASCERTAIN STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID THERE WERE TWO POINTS ON WHICH THE GOV DELEGATION FELT OBLIGED TO GIVE SUPPORT TO G-77 LEADERSHIP IN ECOSOC IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE FIRST WAS THE POSITION THAT JURIDICAL AS WELL AS NATURAL PERSONS SHOULD BE INCLUDED. THE SECOND WAS THE AFRICAN OPPOSITION TO PAYMENTS TO MINORITY REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. ON THE QUESTION OF WHEN THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD, FIGUEREDO SAID THE GOV POSITION IS FLEXIBLE.

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HE IMPLIED THAT CONCENSIONS BY USG IN OTHER AREAS COULD LEAD TO GOV SUPPORT FOR A CONFERENCE IN 1980. FINALLY, HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH GOV DID NOT WISH TO LINK AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS TO COMPLETION OF CODE OF CONDUCT, IT DID CONSIDER THAT THEY WERE RELATED AND THAT EFFORTS IN BOTH AREAS SHOULD PROCEED IN A "REASONABLY PARALLEL " FASHION.

2. CHARGE HAS ALSO BEEN ATTEMPTING TO REACH MINISTER
OF PRESIDENCY LAURIA (REFTELCON), BUT SO FAR LATTER'S
SECRETARY HAS REPORTED HIM ABSENT ALL AFTERNOON AND
EARLY EVENING. WILL KEEP TRYING AND REPORT RESULTS.
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